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## Amendments to the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of priority from U.S. application Serial No. 09/698,471, filed October 27, 2000, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of the priority filing of United States provisional application Serial No. 60/161,752, filed October 27, 1999, U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60,195,491, filed April 10, 2000, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/230,912, filed September 13, 2000, and which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/376,837, filed August 18, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,577,299, which claims the benefit of the priority filing of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/142,201, filed July 1, 1999, U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/142,200, filed July 1, 1999, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/096,988, filed August 18, 1998. This application also claims the benefit of the priority filing of United States provisional application serial No. 60/161,752, filed October 27, 1999, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60,195,491, filed April 10, 2000, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. (not available), filed September 8, 2000. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application